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Save the Date
September 24-28, 2003

My Dear Friend,

The Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Weekend will be held from September 24 -28, 2003 in Washington, D.C. As you are probably aware, for 10 years as your Congressperson, I sponsored a highly successful, informative series of Issue Forums designed to provide a close look at the workings of Congress. We provided an intimate analysis of federal programs — particularly those that benefited minority interests.

I am pleased to announce that a joint partnership has been developed between our new Congressman in Florida's 17th Congressional District, the Honorable Kendrick B. Meek, and the Carrie Meek Foundation. This special partnership will make the *Congressional Classroom* even better. Congressman Kendrick Meek's staff in D.C. is busy finalizing plans and the Local Foundation Coordinating Committee (LFCC) is setting the stage here in Miami-Dade County.

I invite you to register with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) for their Annual Legislative Weekend and to attend our four (4) hour Congressional Classroom. The Classroom will be held on:

**Thursday, September 25, 2003
8:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.**

I know that you care about our children and their future. Thus, you will appreciate our theme this year. The theme for the 8th Annual Congressional Classroom is ***“Rescuing our Children — Some Resolutions.”*** During the Classroom you will:

- Meet members of the Congressional Black Caucus;
- Discuss whether the Federal government should help our failing schools;
- Tackle *Truth in Testing* and should private schools receive federal aid and yet be exempt from testing standards imposed on public schools;
- Explore what Congress can do to help; and
- Address concerns regarding the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT)

These are a few of the issues to be explored. The enclosures contain additional information and include registration forms for the Congressional Classroom and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 33rd Annual Legislative Weekend. Please complete the forms and **return the Classroom registration form before August 20, 2003**. It is important that you include all the requested information. The following information should be helpful as you complete your travel and hotel arrangements:

AIRLINE TRAVEL

Participants are free to make travel plans as they wish. However, Rep. Kendrick Meek has arranged for special airfares through **American Airlines** for those attending the Congressional Classroom and Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference. This year, the **round-trip airfare will be \$250**.

This special fare includes all taxes, passenger facility charges and security fees. It will be in effect **from Sunday, September 21, 2003 until Monday, September 29, 2003** to allow ample flexibility for everyone planning to attend. In addition, this fare is **applicable to transport into all three Washington area airports (*National, Dulles, and Baltimore-Washington International*) and on any American Airlines flight**.

Reservations must be made through American Airlines – we have no control over flights and seating – travelers should make their reservations as quickly as possible to assure adequate seating. You will need a credit card when making reservations. Simply **call 1-800-433-1790** and give the **Star Number 2793AS**. This Star Number will identify you as a member of the Meek Group. Be sure to consider your plans carefully because, once issued, all tickets are non-refundable and ticket changes will require a \$100 reissue fee.

MEEK HOST HOTEL

Metro Marriott

Washington, DC

1-800-228-9290 or 202-737-2200

Ask for *the Kendrick Meek Room Block*

Room rate: **\$150 per night**

Arrival times beginning Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Deadline for making reservations September 3, 2002

I look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Carrie P. Meek
Congresswoman (*Ret.*)

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Enclosures